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Honorable Robert H. Michel
House of Representatives
2112 Rayburn Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Michel:

This is in reply to your letter of February 25, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
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February 25, 1993

Ms. Lou Sizemore
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Dear Lou,

Here is one of the many letters I have received on this matter. I am sending it along on your suggestion. Thanks for your help and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Paul Vinovich
Legislative Correspondent

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The Honorable Robert Michel
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Michel:

I belong to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) chartered radio controlled model airplane club #755. Our seventy one members share the common interest in constructing and operating radio controlled model aircraft.

We seek your assistance in preventing the implementation of the Federal Communications Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (PR Docket 92-235). If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes. The radio equipment we presently use is state-of-the-art equipment. We have, just recently (1991), voluntarily upgraded our radio equipment in order to co-exist safely with the commercial users that now share the 72MHZ band with us. If this new law would pass, the ability to further upgrade our equipment in order to safely operate within the 2.5KHZ channel spacing is not possible with existing technology. Thirty one of our present frequencies would become obsolete, since it would no longer be safe to operate on them.

It is very unfair of the FCC to seek to improve the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the present users of the 72MHZ and 75MHZ bands. We seek your help and support in persuading the FCC to reconsider their thinking on the portion of PR Docket 92-235 that affects the hundreds of thousands of present users of the 72MHZ and 75MHZ bands.

Yours truly,



Pekin Radio Controlled Club